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EDUCATION COMMUNITY EVALUATES SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PEDAGOGY

SAN SALVADOR– The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Strengthening Health and Education Program, and the Ministry of Education (MINED) inaugurated this afternoon the congress entitled “The School in the Service of Learning.”

This congress is part of the Strengthening Basic Education Program, a joint effort of USAID and MINED. The program is aimed at strengthening teachers’ skills to improve teaching-learning process of language, as well as increasing resources for the education sector, promoting equity and effectiveness. Program partners are the Foundation of Entrepreneurs for Educational Development (FEPADE), EQUIP2, through the Academy for Educational Development (AED) and Research Triangle Institute (RTI), and Save the Children.

For two days, a total of 1,000 participants—teachers, parents, school principals, MINED and program staff—gather in a local hotel to share achievements and lessons learned in program implementation.

The congress’ main objective is to promote dialogue among program participants, especially on how different school management and pedagogy actions carried out at the school should focus on improving students’ learning.

Participants come from 214 rural schools that participate in teacher training and school management strengthening. These schools are located in 64 municipalities of the central region (Cuscatlan, Cabañas and San Vicente), the eastern region (La Union and Morazan), and the western region (Sonsonate).

Several workshops and conferences led by national and international experts will be offered at the congress in order to motivate the education community to continue implementing the program’s educational strategies. It is expected this knowledge will lead to strengthen management and pedagogic practices and techniques. Congress topics include: continuous student assessment, effective schools, good spelling and the communicative approach, using literature in competencies development, effective school organization, and effective school management, among others.

Margarita Montalvo, from MINED, delivered the lecture entitled “Curriculum in the Service of Learning,” at the inauguration ceremony, which was presided over by the Minister of Education, Darlyn Meza; the Director of USAID Human Investment Office, Dr. David Losk; the Vice Minister of Education, Jose Luis Guzman, and the National Director of Education, Lorena de Varela.

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